

1 SPIDERS ARE INSECTS.

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: SPIDERS BELONG TO THE CLASS ARACHNIDA, INSECTS BELONG TO THE CLASS INSECTA. SPIDERS DO PREY ON INSECTS AND SOME INSECTS PREY ON SPIDERS!

2 ALL SPIDERS HAVE 8 LEGS.

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ARACHNID GROUP HAVE 8 LEGS, TICKS, SCORPIONS, ETC.

3 ALL SPIDERS CAN MAKE SILK

TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE: THIS IS UNIQUE TO SPIDERS, THEY ALL CAN MAKE SILK TO WRAP FOOD, MAKE EGG SACS AND OTHER STRUCTURES.

4 ALL SPIDERS MAKE A WEB

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: SOME SPIDERS HUNT ON THE GROUND OR FROM VEGETATON.

5 ALL SPIDERS ARE CARNIVORES

TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE: ALL SPIDERS PREY ON OTHER ANIMALS TO SURVIVE.

6 SPIDERS VOMIT ON THEIR PREY

TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE: AS PART OF FEEDING SPIDERS EMIT DIGESTIVE JUICES ONTO THE PREY AND THEN FEED ON THE SOLID PIECES THAT ARE PRE-DIGESTING.

7 SPIDERS HAVE OILY FEET SO THEY DON'T GET STUCK IN THEIR OWN WEB

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: THEY TIPTOE CAREFULLY AROUND THEIR WEB, AND THEIR HAIRY CLAWS RARELY GET STUCK. IF THEY DO IT'S NO MORE BOTHER THAN A HUMAN STEPPING ON A WAD OF GUM.

8 IF YOU FIND A SPIDER IN YOUR HOUSE YOU SHOULD CATCH AND RELEASE IT OUTSIDE TO SAVE IT.

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: SPIDERS THAT LIVE INSIDE STRUCTURES ARE ADAPTED TO BE INDOORS, OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY CAN KILL THEM QUICKLY.

9 SPIDERS IN YOUR BATHTUB CRAWL UP FROM THE DRAIN

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: SPIDERS GET THIRSTY JUST LIKE US, AND MAY WANDER INTO A SINK OR TUB TO GET AT A DROP OF WATER. THE SLICK PORCELAIN SIDES MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO GET OUT.

10 SOME SPIDERS HAVE VENOM THAT IS DANGEROUS TO HUMANS

TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE: THE BLACK WIDOW, BROWN WIDOW AND BROWN RECLUSE HAVE VENOM THAT IS TOXIC TO HUMANS. THEY WILL ONLY BITE IF YOU REACH INTO THEIR WEB, SO WATCH WHERE YOU STICK THEM!

11 DADDY LONG LEGS ARE THE MOST VENEMOUS SPIDER IN THE WORLD

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: THEY HAVE NO VENOM, AND ARE NOT EVEN TRUE SPIDERS BUT THEY ARE ARACHNIDS.

12 YOU SWALLOW AN AVERAGE OF FOUR SPIDERS PER YEAR IN YOUR SLEEP

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT YOU EVER SWALLOW A SPIDER WHILE SLEEPING, THE VARIABLES FOR THIS TO HAPPEN IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

13 IF A SPIDER LOSES A LEG IT WILL GROW A NEW ONE

TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE: DURING EACH MOLT LOST APPENDAGES WILL BE REPLACED. WHEN THE SPIDER BECOMES AN ADULT HOWEVER IT NO LONGER MOLTS SO CANNOT REGENERATE.

14 BLACK WIDOW FEMALES ALWAYS EAT THEIR MATE

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: THE MALE USUALLY SURVIVES AND ONLY RARELY IS EATEN. THE LONG-JAWED ORB WEAVERS HAVE SUCH A PRECARIOUS MATING POSITION THAT THE MALES REGULARLY GET EATEN.

15 WHEN I WAKE UP WITH AN ITCHY BITE IT IS PROBABLY FROM AN INSECT AND NOT A SPIDER

TRUE OR FALSE

TRUE: IF A SPIDER EVEN GETS ON YOUR BED, ITS FANGS ARE ON THEIR UNDERSIDE SO YOU COULDN'T ROLL OVER ON ONE AND SINCE THEY ARE NOT BLOODSUCKERS THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN BITING YOU TO BEGIN WITH.

16 ALL SPIDERS CAN BITE

TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE: ALL SPIDERS HAVE FANGS THEY USE TO BITE THEIR PREY

17 ALL SPIDERS HAVE VENOM

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: THERE ARE TWO FAMILIES THAT LACK THE VENOM GLANDS.

18 I JUST KNOW THAT BROWN RECLUSE LIVE IN MY AREA,
PEOPLE THAT LIVE AROUND ME HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY THEM

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: BROWN RECLUSE ONLY LIVE IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL UNITED STATES AND ARE ONLY A COSMOPOLITAN SPECIES. BROWN RECLUSE HAS BECOME STANDARD MEDICAL JARGON FOR “MYSTERIOUS ITCHY BITE” THERE ARE NO DOCUMENTED BITES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

19 DOCTORS CANNOT TELL WHAT SPIDER BIT YOU BY LOOKING AT THE BITE

TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE: THERE ARE MANY POSSIBLE CAUSES OF BITE LIKE SORES

20 YOU ARE NEVER MORE THAN THREE FEET FROM A SPIDER

TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE: UNLESS YOU ARE STANDING IN A BIG GRASSY FIELD, THIS IS NOT TRUE.